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1. CU IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER PARTIAL IV GRANT FOR OULD DIDI AND OULD EL BAHNIR BUT IS DISINCLINED TO FINANCE PURE BUYING TRIP. IF MINISTER WOULD LIKE UNDERTAKE VISIT FOLLOWING CONEXPO, EMBASSY REQUESTED SUBMIT TELEGRAPHIC NOMINATION GIVING BIO DATA AND PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOR BOTH MEN. OULD EL BAHNIR WOULD HAVE TO QUALIFY AS IV IN HIS OWN RIGHT, NOT MERELY AS INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPANYING MINISTER.

2. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HAS ESTABLISHED AN OFFICE TO FACILITATE BUSINESS VISITS, SUCH AS THAT OF MINISTER. EMBASSY MAY WISH PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING MINISTER'S PLANS TO ENABLE DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST. TELEGRAM SHOULD BE CAPTIONED "COMMERCE FOR FOREIGN BUYER GROUP." THERE WILL ALSO BE COMMERCE REP AT CONEXPO INTERNATIONAL BUSINESSMEN'S CENTER TO FACILITATE CONTACTS WITH INTERESTED U.S. EXHIBITORS. COMMERCE IS SENDING TECHNICAL SALES SEMINAR

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ON CONSTRUCTION TO ABIDJAN IN MAY. OULD DIDI VISIT THEREFORE

FORTUITOUS OPPORTUNITY PUT HIM IN CONTACT WITH MISSION PARTICIPANTS.

3. WISH POINT OUT THAT MINISTER'S PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR WASHINGTON ARRIVAL SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8. CONEXPO BEGINS IN CHICAGO ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9. WHAT DATES WILL MINISTER SPEND IN WHICH CITIES? REFTEL ALSO STATES OULD DADDAH IS EMPLOYEE WESTERN ENTERPRISES, INC. WHAT IS COMPANY'S ROLE IN VISIT? KISSINGER

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